



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S "FIRST IN— LAST OUT"

Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP), Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii



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Welcome to the Interservice Physician Assistant Program, Tripler Army Medical Center Newsletter. The program was established at Tripler in 2005. Since then many outstanding Physician Assistant have graduated and become successful in their Army careers. We hope to bring highlights to those who support the program and aid in Physician Assistant Studies.

Class 10-02 Graduates

Tripler Army Medical Center is proud to announce that 3 of its Physician Assistant students graduated the program with degrees from the



University of Nebraska. The Interservice Physician Assistant Program is a 52 week Master's Producing program ranked 13th in the nation.

Physician Assistants are the Army's primary medical providers to Soldiers at the Battalion, Brigade and Division levels and have supported Combat and Garrison missions since the Vietnam War. The Physician Assistant provides that much needed broad range medical care.

The graduating students were welcomed into their new highly respected carriers by many of their peers and supported by

both staff and family.

The new Physician Assistants will have a 2 week leave period and report to their units ranging from Support Units to Infantry, Armor and Special Operations.

Graduating Class 10-02 (gaining post):

Left to Right

CPT Chris Soltas (Schofield Barracks, HI)
CPT Brian Gomez (Schofield Barracks, HI)
CPT Amanda Buchholz (Ft Carson, CO)



Expert Field Medical Badge

The EFMB is intended to recognize soldier medics who attain a high degree of professional skill and proficiency as afield medic. It rewards those who can expertly perform in a simulated combat environment, both soldier common tasks and medical tasks..

Graduation Guest Speaker



Dr John Mallon, MD

Department of Emergency Medicine

Dr. John Mallon, MD was born in Ft. Worth, Texas. After High School, he joined the Army in 1967, served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970. He completed the Emory University Physician Assistant Program in 1980 and served as a Physician Assistant from 1980 to 1984 in rural South Georgia. He then attended the American University of the Caribbean Medical School from 1984 to 1987.

Dr. Mallon has been instrumental in the advancement of medical professionals. He was faculty at the Emory Physician Assistant Program and has been a valuable asset with the IPAP and residents alike during their rotations through the Tripler Department of Emergency Medicine.

Dr Mallon inspired the graduates and audience with his words of wisdom and thoughts on the value of these graduates and their future as Physician Assistants.

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CPT Sean Grimes Award

The Sean Grimes award is presented to honor the sacrifices made by CPT Grimes, Physician Assistant. Students select a mentor who has gone above and beyond and made personal sacrifices to facilitate in their training and aide in their success.

CPT SEAN GRIMES was born in Pontiac Michigan and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Michigan State University. He began his military career as an Army Nurse and went on to complete the Interservice Physician Assistant Program. On March 4, 2005, while assigned to the 1st BN, 9th ID Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division, the armored HUMVEE that CPT Grimes was riding in was struck by an Improvised Explosive Devise (IED). The blast claimed his life, along with 3 of his comrades.



Jeffrey Robin, PA-C

Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery, TAMC

Mr Robin a Physician Assistant in the ENT clinic at Tripler has always been a dedicated supporter of the Physician Assistant Students. Mr Robin stated he was very honored to receive the Sean Grimes award because of what the award represents.

Mr Robin stated "I can honestly say that this particular class of PA students were some of the most dedicated, passionate and driven students, who I have had the opportunity to work with," Robin said. "They already had the same traits that I try to use to motivate students, so what this did was it motivated me to work harder for them. These students reminded me why I like to teach."



Physician Assistant **SPOTLIGHT**

Interview conducted by CPT Christopher Soltas, Graduating Physician Assistant,
Tripler Army Medical Center

Major Arnrae Moultrie has been a PA since May 2002. After graduating phase 2 from Fort Hood, TX, he went on to serve at Camp Casey, Korea (2nd ID), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii (3rd BCT) & The Department of Combat Medical Training in Ft. Sam Houston, TX. After 33 months of deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq with 25th ID, he further expanded his medical knowledge by completing the General Surgery PA residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in December 2011. PA Moultrie is currently the first trauma surgery PA at Tripler Army Medical Center, a new service started only 2 months before his arrival.



Soltas: What inspired you to become a surgical physician assistant?

Moultrie: I've always been in medicine while in the army, starting out as a medic from 1992-1996 & an LPN from 1996-2000. As an LPN I worked one on one with the doctors in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) & realized I was competent at developing plans & managing patients. I desired a new challenge & PA school was it. My experiences as a SICU LPN helped with my decision to become a surgical PA.

Soltas: What do you like best about your specialty?

Moultrie: I like that our diagnosis are usually concise. If there is a problem, whether we can either fix it or not, we always have a solution.

Soltas: What do you feel is an essential element to being a successful provider?

Moultrie: You have to read & stay current with medicine, either through books or the internet at home. Reading PA journals such as JAAPA & others in medical fields that interest you is a good way to do so.

Soltas: Do you have any words of wisdom for a new PA?

Moultrie: Yes! Be aware of your limitations & that you don't know everything. There is always more to learn & read about but you have to put in the time. Finally, avoid complacency. If a patient continually returns with similar complaints, investigate it further to rule out potentially serious underlying causes.

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OPD

(Officer Professional Development)



USS Mercy

Class 10-03 & 11-01 receives the rare opportunity to tour the USS Mercy. These Army providers also received briefs on the capabilities and assets of the Navy medical ship. The USS Mercy is one of two ships that has a 1500 bed max capacity with 13 Operating Rooms.

MSTC

Class 10-02 & 10-03 receive a brief and tour on the capabilities and resources offered for Physician Assistants responsible for unit medical training. Schofield Barracks Medical Simulation Training Center is one of twenty-three MSTC sites the Army has.



'Iolani Palace

Class 10-02 & 10-03 with Clinical Coordinators, MAJ Miller and Mr Laudadio received a personal tour of the last home of the Hawaiian Monarchy. The palace was built in 1882 by Hawaii's last king, David Kalakaua. 'Iolani Palace, in the capitol district of downtown Honolulu, is the only royal palace in the United States



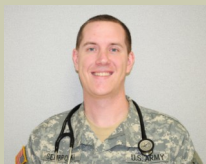
Hot Seat

Who is your mentor?



My most memorable mentor is my former PA, CPT Peter Carroll. As an infantry unit PA he placed an immense amount of importance on the medical training of the medical platoon as well as the medical wellness of the unit.

OC (SFC) Frazer Case, PA-S (Class 11-01)



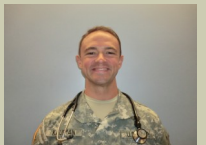
My mother is my greatest mentor. She is my biggest influence when it came to making life decisions, to include religious practices and career progression. I always strive to emulate her work ethic and to uphold the family values she instilled in me.

OC (SSG) Karl Sembroski, PA-S (Class 11-01)



My greatest mentor is COL Michael Brumage. He is a humble, caring leader who knows how to get the best out of people without demand.

OC (MSG) John Ernst, PA-S (Class 10-03)



My greatest mentor is my father. He has honor, integrity and a strong work ethic that he has instilled into me throughout the years. He has always taught me to be good to my fellow man, work hard and be the best at whatever I do.

OC (SFC) Travis Kaufman, PA-S (Class 10-03)



Combat Medical Badge

The badge is awarded to any member of the Army Medical Department, at the rank of Colonel or below, who are assigned or attached to a medical unit (company or smaller size) which provides medical support to a ground combat arms unit during any period in which the unit was engaged in active ground combat.

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Current Students

<u>Class 02-10</u>	<u>Class 03-10</u>	<u>Class 01-11</u>
CPT Buchholz, Amanda	OC Ernst, John	OC Beltran, Alejandro
CPT Gomez, Brian	OC Salazar, Felipe	OC Case, Frazer
CPT Soltas, Christopher	OC Kaufman, Travis	OC Sembroski, Karl

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*OC= Officer Candidate

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